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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRESIDENTIAL EMISSARY GHASSAN TUEINI

1. CARLOS KHOURY, CHEF DE CABINET OF THE PRESIDENCY, HAS JUST TELEPHONED TO INQUIRE WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT COULD RECEIVE PRESIDENT SARKIS' EMISSARY SOME TIME WITHIN NEXT WEEK. THE EMISSARY IS GHASSAN TUEINI, MINISTER IN THE LAST GOVERNMENT, EDITOR OF AN NAHAR AND INVOLVED WITH PRIME MINISTER SALIM AL-HUSS IN DEVELOPING PRELIMINARY RECONSTRUCTION PLANS. GHASSAN SPEAKS ENGLISH FLUENTLY, AND I BELIEVE IS SUFFICIENTLY WELL KNOWN TO DEPARTMENT TO OBVIATE MY PROVIDING BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON HIM. TUEINI PLANS LEAVE LEBANON WITHIN NEXT THREE DAYS AND WILL WISH TO DISCUSS US ASSISTANCE FOR LEBANESE RECONSTRUCTION.

2. I TOLD KHOURY THAT I WOULD SEND A CABLE IMMEDIATELY TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TRY TO REACH DEPARTMENT BY TELEPHONE THIS AFTERNOON. HE IS ANXIOUS TO KNOW SOONEST WHEN IT WOULD BE CONVENIENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO RECEIVE TUEINI. TUEINI WILL CERTAINLY WANT TO SEE THE SECRETARY AS WELL AS OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS IN THE DEPARTMENT. I EXPECT TO SEE TUEINI TODAY AND WILL WIRE FURTHER INFO AS AVAILABLE.
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